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Accidental overdose on 9 drugs killed Anna Nicole

DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA—ANNA NICOLE Smith accidentally overdosed on at least nine prescription drugs, including a powerful sleep syrup, after a miserable last few days in which she endured stomach flu, a high fever, pungent sweating and an infection on her buttocks from repeated injections.

In a detailed autopsy report released Monday,

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Abalos to critics: I am not my brother's keeper

By Jerome Aning and Christian V. Esguerra

"I AM NOT MY BROTHER'S keeper."

—Benjamin Abalos, Commission on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos



ABALOS A14

Bayan Muna tops survey



MEDIA EVENT OF THE YEAR: President Arroyo is escorted by Inquirer president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez at the opening of the two-day 7th Publish Asia Conference at the Manila Hotel. Organized by Germany-based Ifra, the global organization for newspaper and media publishing, Publish Asia's theme is "Reinventing for Today's Business, Creating for Tomorrow's Challenges."

SWS: 11 party-list groups may win 17 House seats

DETAINED REP. SATUR OCAMPO'S BAYAN MUNA CONTINUES to lead the party-list race, as its votes surged to 28 percent in March from 19 percent in February, according to the latest nationwide survey by the Social Weather Stations done exclusively for the INQUIRER.

The INQUIRER is the print media sponsor of the March, April and May rounds of the SWS pre-election surveys, which are aimed at tracking voter preferences for the candidates for national positions in the May elections.

The SWS said the increase strongly assured Bayan Muna of "keeping its current three seats."

Bayan Muna is currently represented in the 13th Congress by Ocampo, Teodoro Casiño and Joel Virador.

Ocampo is detained at Manila Police District headquarters after he was arrested at the Supreme Court on March 16 for his alleged involvement in the killing of rebels suspected of spying for the military in Leyte more than two decades ago.

The survey was conducted from March 15 to 18 after news of Ocampo's YouTube video and his subsequent arrest made it to the front pages and primetime TV news.

Based on results of the survey that the SWS released exclusively to the INQUIRER, 11 party-list groups could win a total of 17 seats in the House of Representatives.

A group is entitled to a seat in the House if it gets 2 percent of the votes cast for party-list groups. It is entitled to two seats if it gets 4 percent and a maximum of three seats if it gets at least 6 percent.

The survey also showed that nearly six of

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RETURN OF FAVORITE SON Ex-President Joseph Estrada goes back to San Juan where he began his political career in 1969 as mayor of the city that's now celebrating its centenary. In a 30-minute speech, he flirts with the rules set by the court for his furlough, and also with Guia Gomez (left).



Erap talks on Joc-joc, hunger, killings

By Jocelyn R. Uy

SAN JUAN'S FAVORITE SON YESTERDAY set foot on the town plaza for the first time in six years and took advantage of his furlough to rail against the Arroyo administration.

Deposed President Joseph Estrada left his vacation estate in Tanay, Rizal, where he is detained on plunder and perjury charges, to attend the centenary celebration of the family bailiwick and to receive the "Outstanding Citizen of San Juan" award.

He received the award from two of his sons—San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito (by ex-actress Guia Gomez) and Sen. Jinggoy Estrada (by his wife, Sen. Luisa Estrada). Both the deposed President and Jinggoy Estrada are themselves former mayors of San Juan.

The Sandiganbayan Special Division had granted Estrada a 10-hour pass to receive the award and to visit with his mother, Mary Ejercito, at his residence on Polk Street, Greenhills, until 5 p.m.

ERAP TALKS A17

GMA to media: Report good news that unites, inspires

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, whose husband has filed a string of libel suits against journalists, yesterday declared that she respected the freedom of the press and considered differences with the media as "part of our job."

But in the same breath in a speech at the opening ceremony of the 7th Publish Asia conference at the Manila Hotel, she said the media could serve their respective countries well by reporting "the good news that inspire and unite."

The annual conference is a gathering of some 400 chief executive officers, publishers, editors and writers of the leading newspapers in the Asia-Pacific region, including the INQUIRER. It is being held in the Philippines for the first time.

GMA TO MEDIA A17

Technology shaking media but papers still in pretty good shape

By Allison W. Lopez

BEING MULTIMEDIA AIN'T BAD news for the dailies, after all.

At the opening yesterday of the Publish Asia conference attended by about 300 executives of newspaper and publishing companies, guest speakers acknowledged that today's media are driven by technology but dispelled fears that this would cause the death of newspapers.

Reiner Mittelbach, CEO of Ifra, the global organization for media pub-

TECHNOLOGY A17

Cory expresses alarm over spate of killings

By DJ Yap

FORMER PRESIDENT CORAZON Aquino has expressed alarm over the spate of extrajudicial killings in the country, and indicated international attention to the problem could help put an end to the murders.

Aquino said the killings and the perception of some foreign businessmen that the Philippines was the most corrupt country in Asia were a cause for concern.

"This is something for all Filipinos to worry about," she told reporters after speaking on Monday at a forum at the University of Makati.

Aquino, who called for the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo at the height of the "Hello Garci" vote-fraud scandal in 2005, said the political killings and the corruption rating should be on people's minds when they choose their leaders in the May 14 elections.

"When election time comes, this is for the voters to keep in mind and choose the best among those who will be presenting themselves to us as our leaders," she said.

Commenting on the political murders,

CORY A18

COME IN, WATER'S FINE Senatorial survey topnotcher Loren Legarda finds the clear waters of Caluya Island in Antique irresistible and wades right in. She was guest of honor and speaker at the 'Binirayan festival' which is named after the coconut crab that abounds on the island which Legarda vows she will support to become the next Boracay.



'No to HR abuses in Asia's most democratic country'

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

AMID THE INTERNATIONAL OUTCRY over the unresolved political killings in the country, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday called the Philippines "the most democratic country" in Asia.

Speaking publicly on the issue for the first time since last February's United Nations inquiry into the murders, Ms Arroyo declared her administration did not tolerate the killing of militants and journalists, and pinned the blame for the murders on communist insurgents.

"The Philippines is the most democratic country in the region. I have no tolerance for human rights violations," Ms Arroyo said in a speech at the Manila Hotel.

Ms Arroyo chose an international audience to defend her handling of the unresolved killings—the 7th Publish Asia conference, the biggest gathering of

NO TO HR A18

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WEATHER FORECAST

Linggoy's lament: GO eased us out

The other Cayetano booted out

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS' First Division yesterday disqualified Joselito "Pepito" Cayetano of the Kilusang Bagong Lipunan from the senatorial race, questioning his capability to mount a nationwide campaign.

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Abalos won't go to Mindanao

An Urgent Appeal to the President, Congress, the Business Sector & Our People

April 16 is the deadline for the filing of income tax returns and payment of taxes.

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- **To once and for all stamp out graft and corruption**
- **For Congress to enact a final Tax Amnesty Law**
- **To plug loopholes in the Value Added Tax Law (VAT)**

1. STAMP OUT GRAFT

- Government must stamp out, once and for all, GRAFT and CORRUPTION, SMUGGLING, TAX EVASION, INFLUENCE PEDDLING and BRIBERY.
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- Both the Business Sector & Government must work together to EXPAND the tax base.

2. PASS A FINAL TAX AMNESTY LAW

The COPW is in favor of Congress adopting this July a FINAL TAX AMNESTY with the following features:

a. Creating an independent regulatory body that will ensure compliance of the "Tax Amnesty Law".
b. Only those who comply with the following conditions can avail themselves of the amnesty.
   - Submission of the latest Income Tax Return (ITR), Statement of Assets and Liabilities, and Statement of Income and Expenses filed with the BIR.
   - Confidentiality of client information must be waived so that the bank can verify with the BIR the authenticity of the submitted ITR.

These requirements are contained in Central Bank Circular 472 under the late BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura before banks can grant loans to their clients.

3. PLUG LOOPHOLES IN THE VAT LAW by:

- Requiring the BIR to invest heavily in computerization. At present only 43% of its operations are computerized, resulting in a VAT leakage of as high as 60%.
- The issuance of a NEW computer generated Tax Identification Number (TIN) that will replace all existing TINs manually-generated and largely fictitious.
- In order to ensure tax audit compliance, all transactions will simultaneously require a TIN and Invoice VAT No. of establishments before they are validated.
- Computerization of tax mapping of properties in all regions nationwide.
- Use of water-marked invoices which shall be issued centrally by the Department of Finance-BIR working in tandem with the private Business Sector.
- Benchmarking of the maximum input tax allowed for each industry or business subsector in computing the VAT.
- Dynamic linking of BIR and Customs computers to check immediately any misdeclaration and undervaluation of imported goods.

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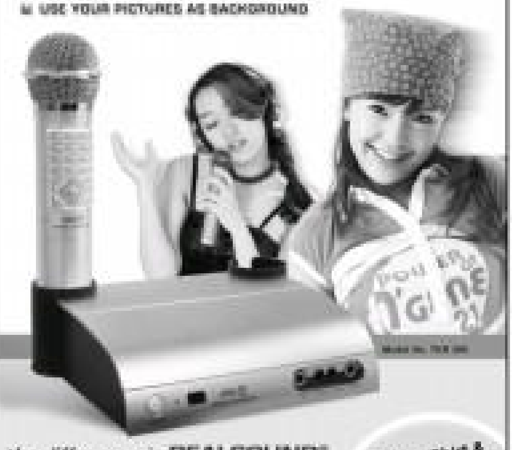




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Police want guns seized from rebels

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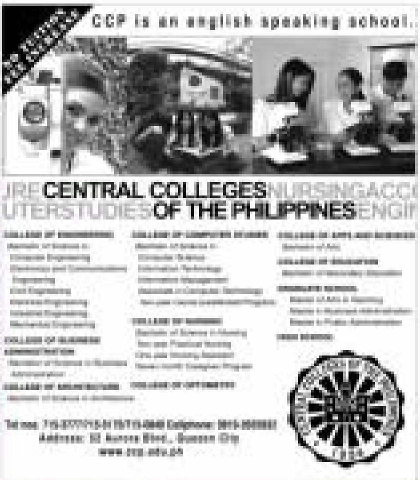
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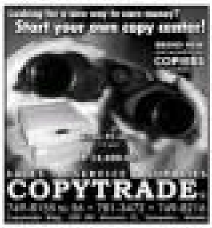






Recruiter to continue hiring nurses despite US row





By Leila B. Salaverria

THE US-BASED SENTOSACARE will continue to recruit nurses from the Philippines, despite the company's ongoing legal battle with Filipino nurses who allegedly left their jobs in health care facilities in New York City.

"We still have great confidence in Filipino nurses. We've had very good experience with many Filipino nurses. They are hardworking when they come to America. And they are able to climb the corporate ladder. We take great pride in that," said SentosaCare's chief operating officer Brad Philipson in a phone conference yesterday.

In September last year, 26 Filipino nurses alleged that they were duped into working in hospitals in New York City without receiving the pay and benefits that the Sentosa Recruitment Agency (SRA), SentosaCare's local counterpart, had promised them.

The nurses, most of whom were licensed doctors in the Philippines (including medical board topnotcher Elmer Jacinto), filed a complaint with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and with the National Labor Relations Commission that led to the suspension of SRA's license.

A month later, the suspension was lifted. In a privilege speech, Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. accused former Presidential Chief of Staff Michael Defensor as SRA's padrino (godfather).

Meanwhile, several nursing home employers in New York filed labor and administrative complaints against the 26 Filipinos for not honoring their contracts and endangering the lives of the patients they left behind.

Of the 26 Filipino nurses who left their jobs, 10 have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy and child endangerment charges, including Jacinto.

According to Philipson, the 26 nurses who left the health-care facilities are only a small portion of the many Filipino nurses that SentosaCare has successfully placed in the United States.

He also defended Defensor who was criticized for having intervened on behalf of SentosaCare.

Philipson said SentosaCare officials only wrote to President Macapagal-Arroyo because the Philippine consul officials in New York refused to listen to their side. The letter was referred to Defensor.

SentosaCare officials claimed that they asked Consul General Cecilia Rebong to conduct an investigation of the incident and to talk to other Filipinos. However, Rebong refused to heed their request.

In spite of what happened, Philipson said SentosaCare would continue to focus on recruiting nurses only from the Philippines. The company also refused to be affected by the recent controversy on the leakage in the nursing licensure exam.

Philipson said it was up to Philippine officials to resolve any issue and SentosaCare would abide by their decision.

Francis Luyun, SRA chief executive officer, said the agency was not suffering from any backlash from the controversy stirred by the 26 Filipino nurses.

There is no dearth of applicants, Luyun said.

There are 150 nurses in the Philippines awaiting deployment to the United States. They are just waiting for their visa, he added.

SECRETARY FAVILA, WILL YOU LET ANOTHER PHILIPPINE INDUSTRY GO UNDER?

HON. PETER FAVILA
Secretary
Department of Trade and Industry

Mr. Secretary:

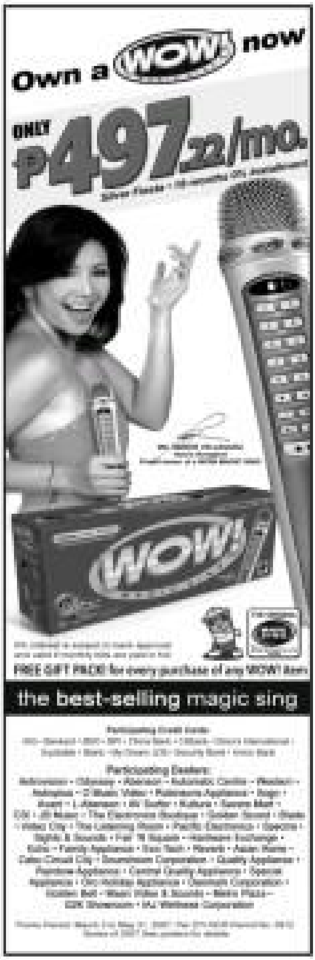
Since the 1990s, one Philippine industry after another has been collapsing – shoes, textiles, rubber, onion, garlic, etc. All this due to unbridled economic liberalization, weak government-industry coordination to meet global competition and national indecisiveness in dealing with smuggling, foreign dumping and unfair trade practices of other countries.

Today, CAWC, Inc., a Filipino producer of STPP (sodium tripolyphosphates), a detergent ingredient, is facing a life-and-death struggle to survive under the most unfair trade environment. Because of the rising flood of dumped and subsidized STPP imports, CAWC has been incurring massive losses, which rose from P33 million in 2003 to P135 million in 2005, while multinational detergent companies have been registering net incomes of approximately P2 billion a year. There has been a surge of STPP imports, from 3,000 metric tons in 2001 to 20,210 MTs in 2005, or an increase of 700 per cent, cornering 65 per cent of the domestic STPP market from almost zero in the 1990s. This is why your office originally granted a provisional safeguard. **In fact, the DTI report concluded, "The application of the safeguard measure will not be an additional burden to consumers contrary to allegations." Additionally, "there is no clear indication that imposition of safeguard measures will create a political or economic crisis. The impact of the said measure on the consuming public will be negligible."** ***(DTI Report, SGM Case No. 1-2006, 06 July 2006).*** Subsequently, the Tariff Commission, after a series of hearings, recommended a definitive safeguard to counter this STPP foreign dumping, coming mainly from China.

Hence, Mr. Secretary, we are greatly puzzled by your policy somersault, reversing the earlier position taken by DTI and contradicting the findings of the Tariff Commission! What is the logic behind your decision declaring the safeguard tariff measure as injurious to public interest? Are we sacrificing another Philippine industry in the name of unbridled economic liberalization? Are we supporting the creation of jobs in other countries?

Mahal na Kalihim, mangyari lamang pong pakiwasto ang ating patakaran.

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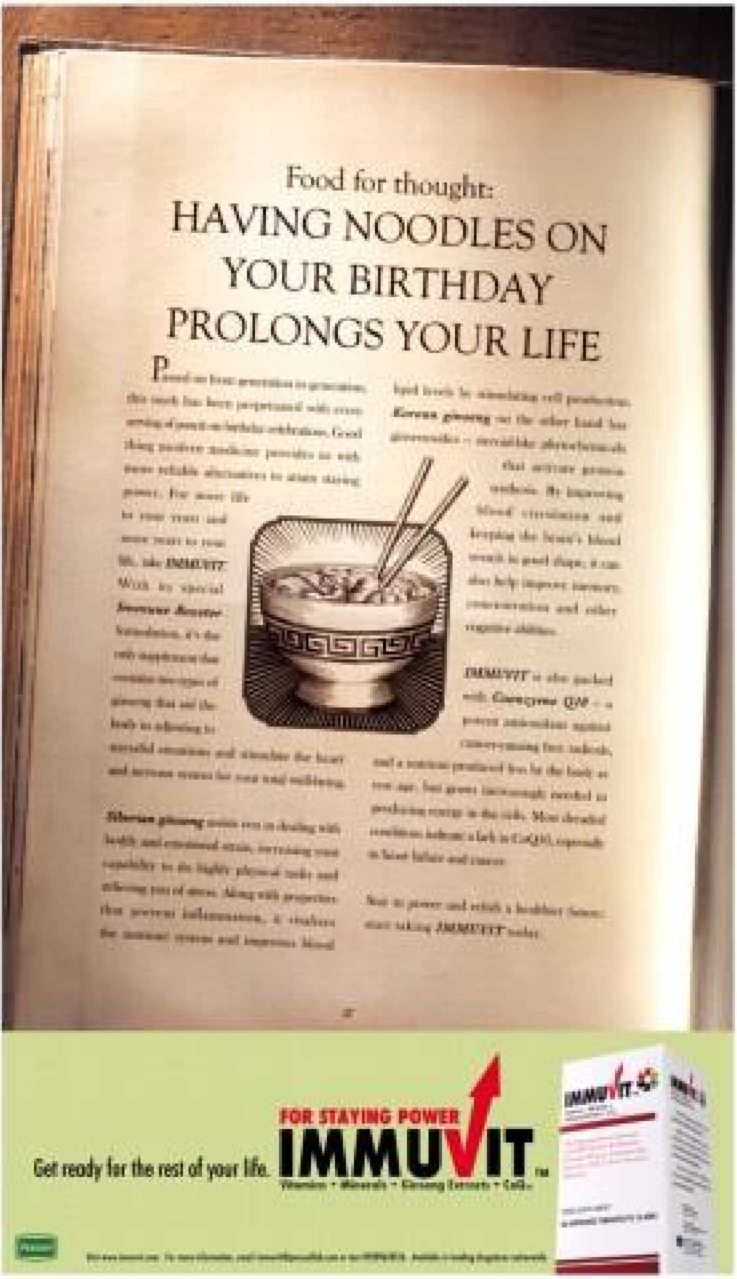
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No opposition, unified slate, free zone

By Jo Martinez-Clemente
Tarlac City

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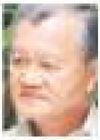
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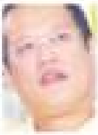
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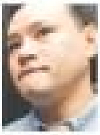
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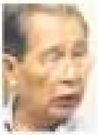
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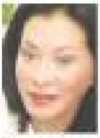

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By Tonette Orejas
City of San Fernando

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Across the NATION

Army search leads to newly dug grave

By Joey A. Gabieta

HILONGOS, LEYTE—A POLICE FORENSIC TEAM found what appears to be a newly dug shallow grave here containing bones that team members said appear to be more than 10 years old in the government's continuing search for mass graves of supposed victims of a communist purge.

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Priest's bid for Pampanga gov divides Catholic clerics

By Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon and Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, Inquirer Northern Luzon



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo converses with her close friend Lilia Pineda, wife of suspected jueteng lord Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda, at a recent birthday celebration of Mrs. Pineda.







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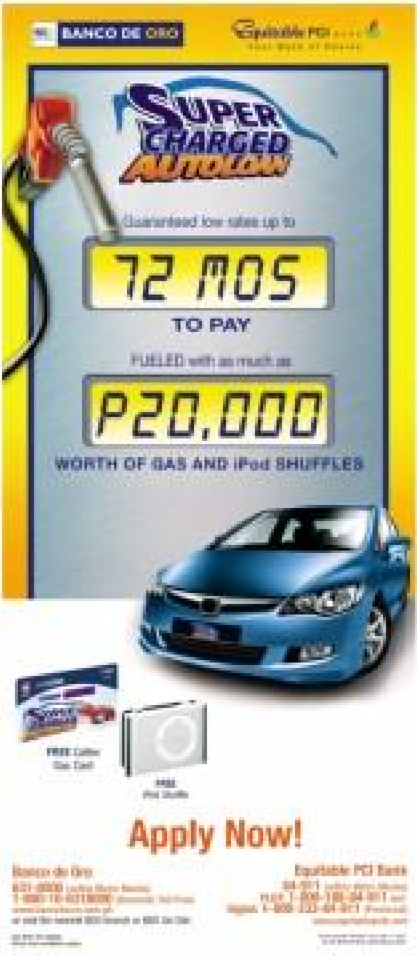
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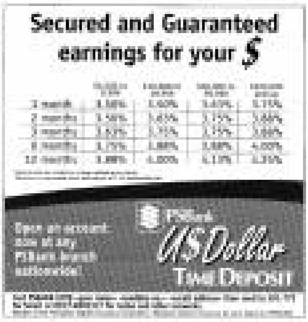
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Martinez slay suspect was 'fall guy,' says judge



By Alber W. Lopez





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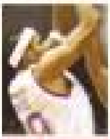
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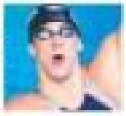


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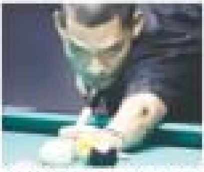
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Unknown bet upsets embattled Alcano

RONNIE ALCANO TRIED TO appear calm and composed, unmindful of the grave charges he is accused of by his very own daughter yesterday.



GRAVELY AFFECTED: Ronnie Alcano



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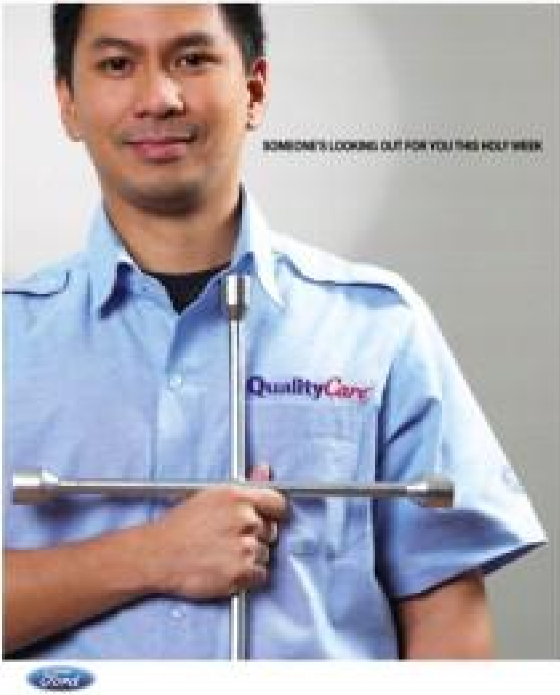
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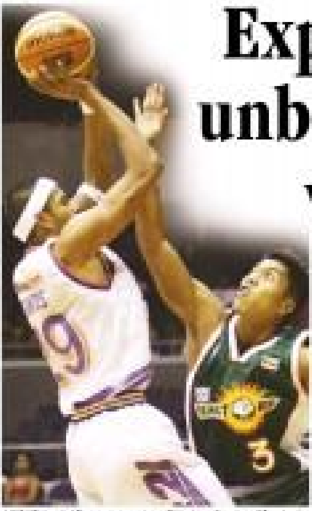
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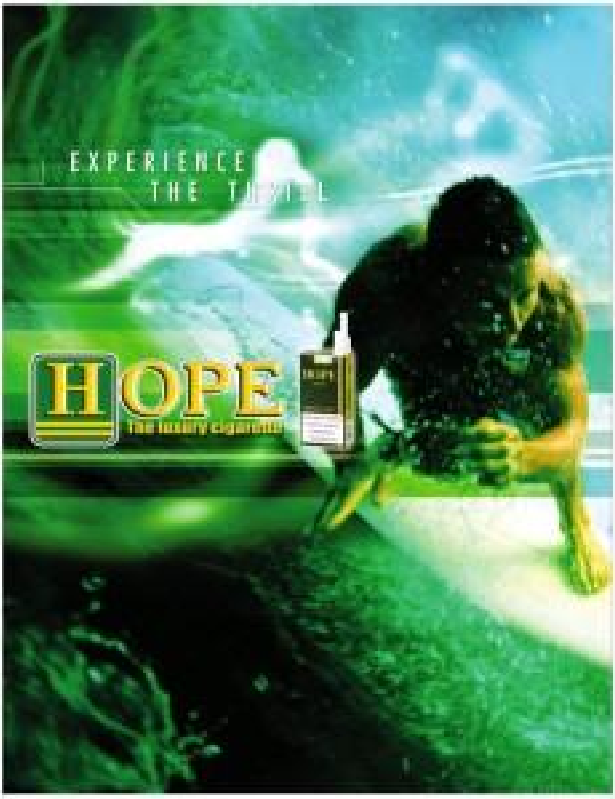


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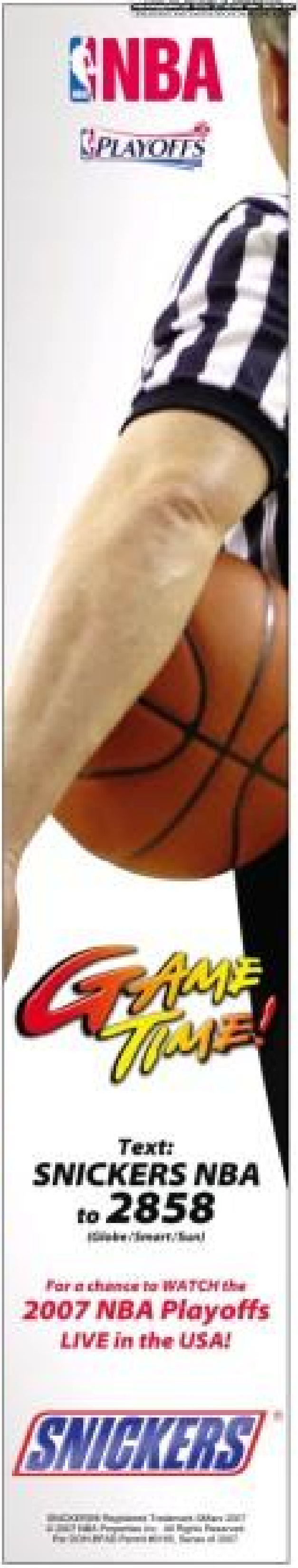








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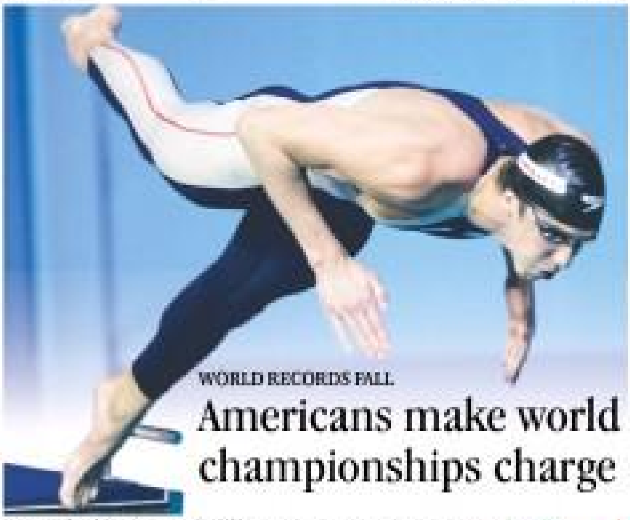


Region's top bridge players due for Asean tournament

Wallace weaves magic as Detroit trips Denver



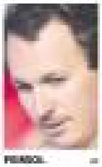
VICTORIOUS Steve Nash



WORLD RECORDS FALL

Americans make world championships charge

THE UNITED States' Michael Phelps goes off the 200 freestyle block and jumpstarts the American swimming team's gold bids.



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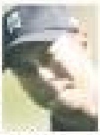


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BUSINESS



ADB sees 5.4% growth for RP this year

Pushes 8% expansion to stem labor woes

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT Bank yesterday said the Philippine economy would





Stocks close higher after 2-day slide

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 0.7% percent higher yesterday as Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. provided support after a two-day slide, dealers said.

They said analysts overseas took profits on recent winners, including mining stocks and other blue chips, amid a lack of other leads.

The composite index added [illegible] points at [illegible], in trading between [illegible] and [illegible]. The broader all-share index rose [illegible] points to [illegible]. However, the market's breadth was negative with [illegible] decliners and [illegible] advancers, with [illegible] stocks unchanged.

Turnover was [illegible] billion shares worth [illegible] billion.

"The market is still consolidating within the [illegible] range, with no strong leads to guide investors," said [illegible] of [illegible] Global Equities.

Investors are also keeping a wary eye on Wall Street, which closed narrowly mixed overnight after [illegible] new US home sales for February triggered further concern that US economic growth is slowing more than expected, he said.

Top-traded PLDT extended Monday's gains, adding [illegible] to [illegible].

Ayala Land Inc. rose [illegible] to [illegible] after the company announced it had agreed on the main terms of a proposed joint venture with Manila Jockey Club Inc. to develop a horse race track in Manila.

Profit-taking hit the country's biggest conglomerates, with Ayala Corp. down [illegible] at [illegible] while SM Investments fell [illegible] to [illegible]. AFP

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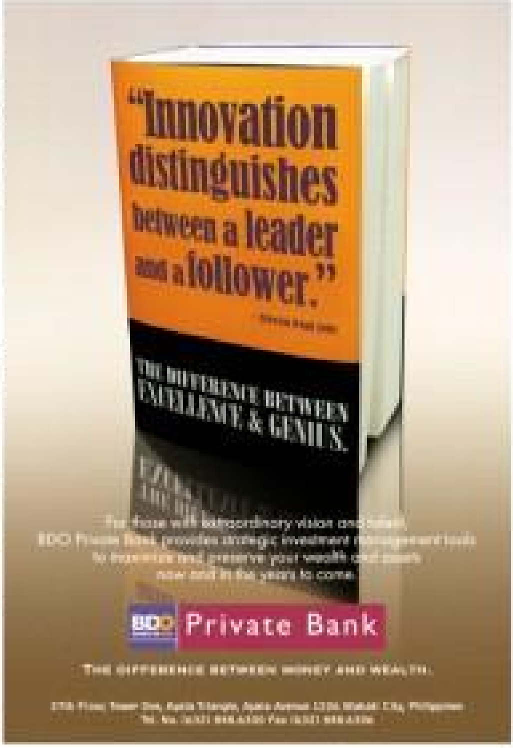
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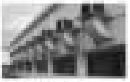
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LIFESTYLE
Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso · Chief of Correspondents Pam Pastor





Class of 2007



It's toga time again. 2bU! celebrates the triumph of this year's graduates with a packed issue. Graduation is as much a time for looking back as gazing into the future. So we asked students from different schools to tell us about their plans for the future and also asked a few brave souls to dig up their old photos and tell us how much they've changed since they left high school. We also have graduation gift suggestions, fashion tips, party ideas and graduation essays. Plus stories about Friendster—because we know you want to stay in touch with your school friends as you embark on new adventures. Congratulations, graduates!





Hello, world!

UPON ENTERING COLLEGE, some people already know what they want to do for the rest of their lives: be doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers.

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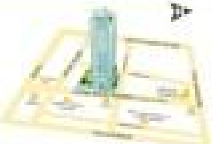
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Engineers
building their future

By Bianca Consunji
2007 Correspondent

IF ATENEO ELECTRONICS Engineering Society (Aeces) president Luigi Ongliao is to be believed, then the Ateneo de Manila University's Electronics and Communications Engineering Batch 2007 is definitely one to look out for in the future. "ECE is populated by honor students, geniuses, athletes and leaders," Ongliao said. "[But] more than their accomplishments, one special trait of the Ateneo ECE people is their constant application of their skills and talents to really engage in nation-building."

He added, "The batch knows how to work smartly. We do not just engage ourselves in any activity without doing a background check to study the possible consequences of our actions."

They don't spend 100 percent of their time in laboratories, of course. Like fun-loving young people, members of ECE Batch 2007 know how to party. Aside from the ... everyone ... end of the night ... the students spend their free time jogging, swimming, biking and playing ... as a group.

"Unfortunately, ... is inevitably ... for the final. After ... we ... out to celebrate and have a food ..." Ongliao revealed. "When we're not ... or working out, we play a ... games ranging from the ... to the ..."



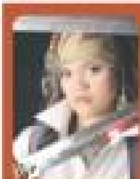
HANGING out after classes



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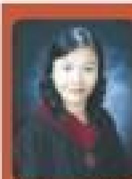
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Journalists
in the making

By Bianca Consunji
2007 Correspondent

OF ALL THE STUDENTS IN the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communication, Journalism students are often portrayed as the more radical (i.e., banner-waving protesters), and for a reason. Many of them are at the forefront of rallies and other protest actions.

"The defining moment for many of them was when Proclamation 1017 was imposed," said ... a faculty member from the Journalism department. "Normally, Masscom students are stereotyped as apathetic, but a lot of students (about 100) went to the college assembly on short notice, despite it supposedly being dangerous. It was not necessarily a sign of activism or militancy, but of concern, and the batch deserves credit for being there."

He added, "A peculiar characteristic of this batch is that students are concerned about media issues and the national situation. They're a product of the times—the volatile political situation shaped them."

Journalism's batch 2007 is "a healthy mix of intelligent students and those who you'd wonder how they made it to UP," ... said.

"But on the whole, the students can voice out their opinions and vent their frustrations in class discussions," ... said.

"Some have the potential to make it big in the media industry. There are good writers who have the ... to research and also have the skill, discipline, and passion for the craft."

However, the people from the Journalism department aren't just fire-spitted radicals. Batch 2007 also has photography enthusiasts, nature lovers and literary journalists in the making. And like any graduating batch, they're also starry-eyed about the future.

We asked them, how do you see yourself in five years, and what do you want to do for the rest of your life?

Look out for these students. They just might be future winners of the Jaime V. Ongpin Award for Journalism (or, at the very least, the bylines you'll be reading for the next few years).

E-mail the author at ...



RELAXING after class



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SHARING a field trip to PLDT's Batangas Cable Landing Site



AT A BATANGAS group getaway



AFTER thesis defense

Nonmusical activities aside, Ongtao predicted, "I expect a number of Ateneo ECE batch 2007 members to fervently immersed in telecommunications and microelectronics, occupying top positions in these sectors. Some would be actively engaged in the academe pursuing hardware research and development work."

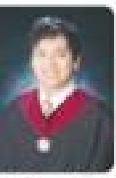
He continued, "I also bet that there would be a number who would be engaged in fields outside apart from ECE like visual arts and graphics design. I am also sure that a few would prefer to chart their own path and set up their own businesses rather than be constrained as employees."

We asked the Ateneo de Manila Electronics and Communications Engineering Batch 2007 their dreams and aspirations. While we did get the usual answers about wanting to be top engineers, we also found creative dreams, aspiring writers, future priests and [illegible] in their batch.

Find out what makes these Ateneans click, and read which one hopes to have a girlfriend in five years.

E-mail the author at [illegible]

Special thanks to [illegible], Ponce de Leon, Luigi Ongtao, Karol Yu and Melanie Pelias.



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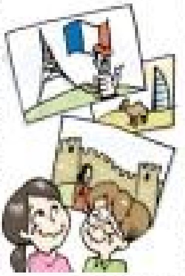
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Perfect endings



Graduation parties need not be boring affairs. Here are some tips for perking things up



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The real score

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By Pam Pastor

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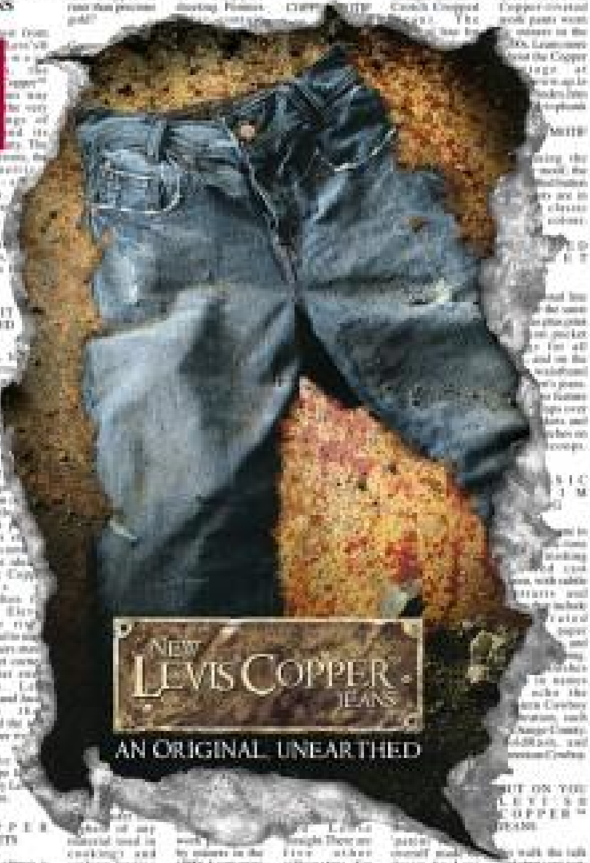
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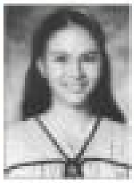


Cut down with nicorette then stop.




Jeifan Ira
Dizon

Graduated from Assumption High School in San Lorenzo, Makati, 2000




Hazel
Morales

Graduated from Ateneo de Davao University High School, 1998




Diane Day
Escarilla

Graduated from Stella Maris

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL?

Revelations of the b

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT high school is the most interesting (and chaotic?) in one's formal education. When 2h!! talked to people about the idea of a Then-and-Now photo, in which they had to give up their geeky high school graduation photos, many hesitated. Who wouldn't? High school, especially during this author's time (1998) and earlier, did not produce the best pictures.




Noelle Frances
de Guzman

Graduated from Christian Harvest Academy, 1998




Wredel
Esguerra

Graduated from Ateneo de Davao University High School, 98




Gabriela
Lee

Graduated from Miriam Coll




Mitch
Hernandez

Graduated from Our Lady Of Peace School, Antipolo, 1998




Todd Lucero
Sales

Graduated from Ateneo de Davao University High School, 1998




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Rivera

Graduated from St. Rita Coll



Academy of Davao, 1998

The real score



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High School, 2001



Parañaque, 1995



The journey toward a college diploma

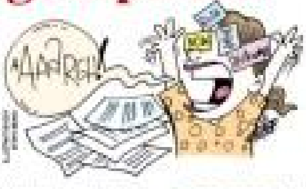


I'M 27 AND A CANDIDATE for college graduation next month.



Going back to school after working for six years is definitely not a walk in the park







Reality bites





Treat for Batch 2007



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Fresh looks for the graduate



Plan out your wardrobe and makeup before you get dressed for the graduation ceremony

Text by Bianca Consunji
2bU! Correspondent
Photos by [illegible]

SO YOU'VE SUBMITTED your thesis and chased around school authorities to sign your clearance. It seems that nothing stands between you and that hard-earned diploma—except the graduation rites, of course.

Although the graduation ceremony is just a formality, it's a formality that you'd definitely want to go through (and look good for).

As many commencement exercises take several hours to finish (not bad if you're in a humid outdoor venue), many graduates look harassed by the time they face the camera with their diplomas grasped in their hands. In order to avoid looking like you went to the gym instead of your graduation, plan out your wardrobe and makeup before you get dressed for the ceremony.

First of all, check the dress code. Is your dress appropriate for the occasion, and does it violate any school rules?

If the dress code explicitly says no sleeveless dresses, then there's no point in going for a strapless number when you won't be allowed onstage. Remember that the gradua-

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CREAM tulle dress with black piping, My Little Dress (P1,200; tel. 0915-[illegible])



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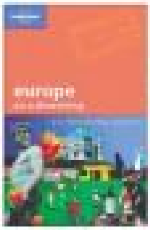


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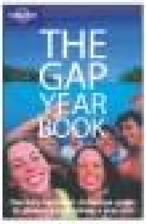


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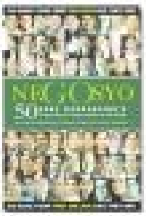
By Tammy David

A PERSON'S GRADUATION is bigger than his birthday. After all, when you were born, it was your mom who did all the labor. But graduating ... work—sleepless nights, countless project deadlines, dealing with crazy professors.

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... ceremony is a solemn occasion, and not a night out at Embassy.

If you're bound to march by the dress you have to wear under your toga or whatever official garment it is you're wearing for the ceremony, then stash a dressier outfit in the car for the dinner or night out that's sure to follow.

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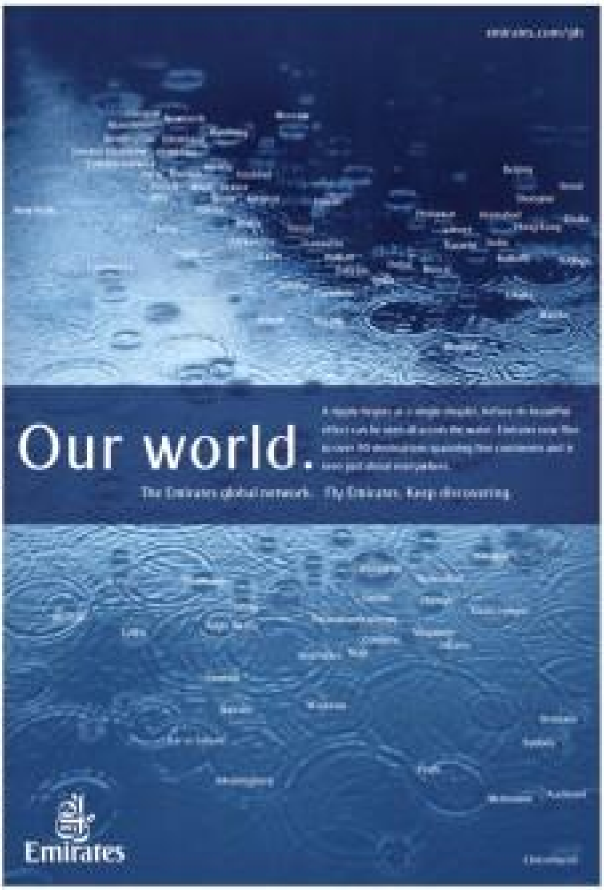






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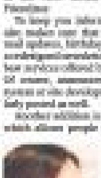


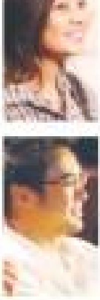
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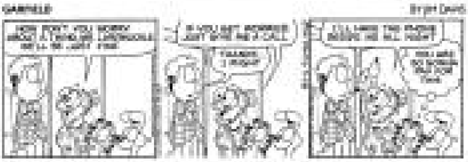


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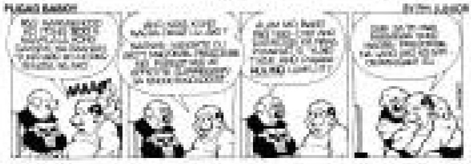
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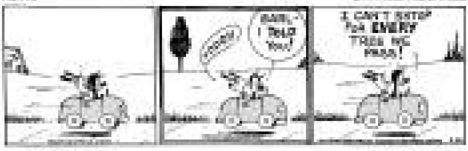
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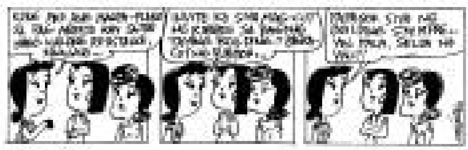
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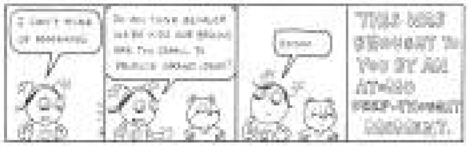
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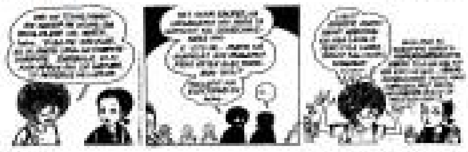


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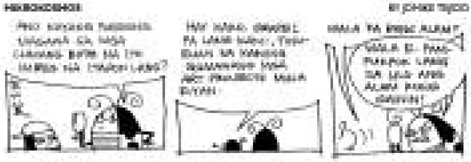




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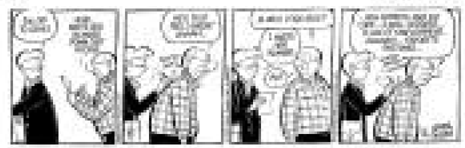
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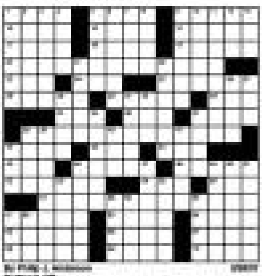
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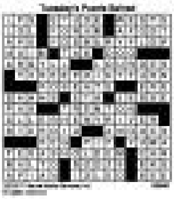


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Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

					5	7	6	
				3				
	9	2	6		7	3	1	
9	3			5			4	1
7								6
4								7
8								3
	4						2	
		3	8	7	9	6		

Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

2	8	9	7	5	6	4	3	1
7	4	1	3	8	9	6	5	2
3	5	6	1	2	4	9	8	7
5	6	3	2	4	1	7	9	8
4	1	7	8	9	3	2	6	5
9	2	8	5	6	7	3	1	4
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Difficulty Level ★★

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CYBER-SHOT H9 (above) and CYBER-SHOT H7

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New technologies

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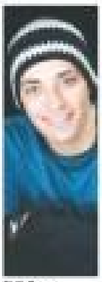
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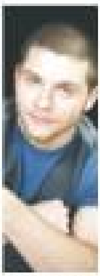


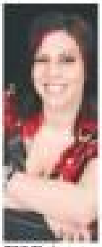

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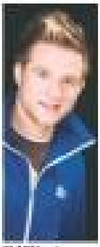

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Idolizing 'Idol'


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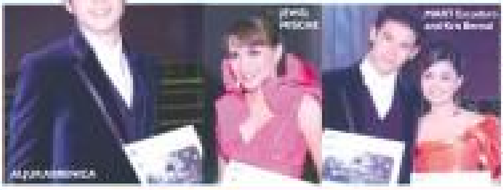

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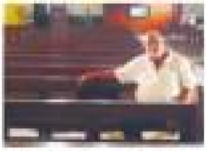


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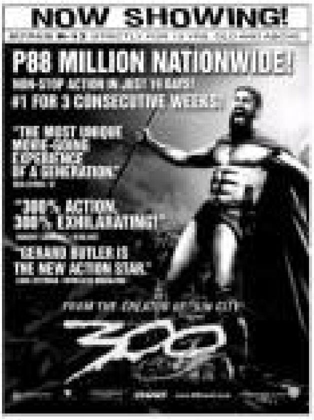
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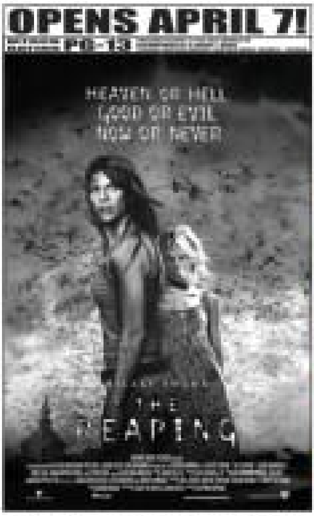
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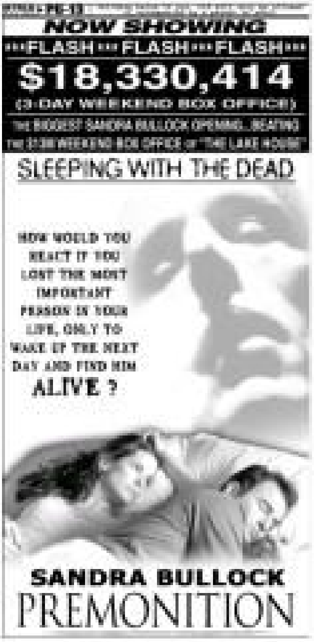
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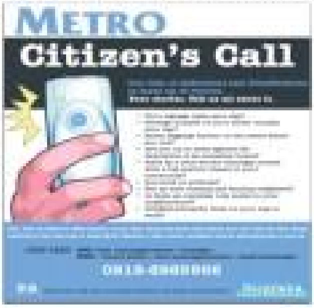




4 new 'stars' are born via GMA 7 talent search









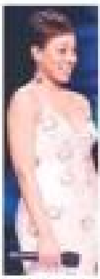


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4 THE CHANTING



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1 ROCKY BALBOA
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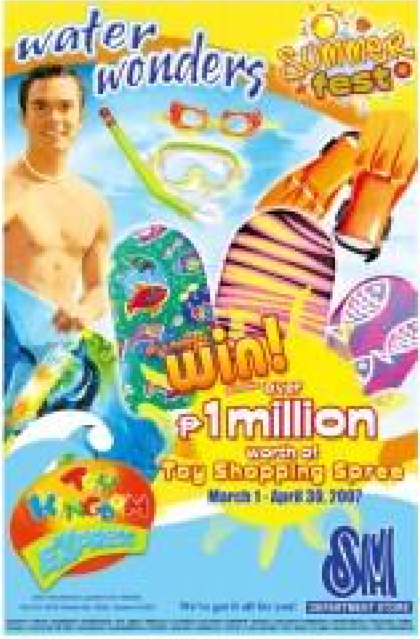


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Stephanie: I was confused

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